



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Decision Memorandum for Assistance Agreement  
Village of Laurelville

**FROM:** Jo Lynn Traub *Jo Lynn Traub*  
Director, Water Division

**TO:** Patricia Thompson, Chief  
Assistance Section

Attached is a commitment notice for the subject assistance agreement in the amount of \$376,000. This will fully fund the rehabilitation of public sanitary sewage collection and treatment systems. The budget and project periods are October 1, 2000, to December 31, 2004.

**I. Statutory Authority:** Appropriations Act 2002 PL 107-73.

**II. Objectives:** The above statutory authority is being used for this proposed Assistance Agreement and the activities in the workplan are within the scope of the statute. The project is to renovate the Laurelville wastewater treatment facility to correct: (1) rehabilitating the lagoon, sand filters, and electrical components; (2) replacing defective pumps and miscellaneous equipment; and (3) adding an administrative building.

**III. Delegation of Authority Number:** 1-102.

**IV. Code of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA):** 66.606.

**V. Eligibility:** The recipient is eligible to receive funds for this project as defined in the Agency's Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation Act, Public Law 107-33.

**VI. Summary of Reviews:** The workplan has been fully approved by the technical contact. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) determination of the Village of Laurelville project to renovate the wastewater treatment facility constitutes minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, therefore, qualifies as a categorical exclusion.

**VII. Allocation Methodology:**

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Obj.</u>	<u>Subobj.</u>	<u>NPM</u>	<u>Major Programs</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2	03	01	N/A	B	\$376,000

VIII. Quality Assurance: N/A.

IX. **Justification of Awarding as Assistance:** After reviewing the Guidance given in EPA Order 5700.1 (Policy for Distinguishing Between Acquisition and Assistance), it has been determined that the Federal Government is not the principal beneficiary of the activities being funded. Therefore, an Assistance Amendment is the appropriate vehicle for funding these activities.

X. Competition: N/A.

XI. Justification for Split Funding: N/A.

XII. Explanation of Apparent Duplicative or Excessive Effort: N/A.

XIII. Programs Terms and Conditions: N/A.

XIV. Program Income: N/A.

XV. Additional Information on Conferences: N/A.

XVI. **Program Recommendation:** It is recommended that we process the attached Assistance Agreement of \$376,000.

XVII. **Point of Contact:** Eugene Wojcik, Technical Contact, (312) 886-0174  
Lula Spruill, Project Officer, (312) 886-2281

Attachment:

Commitment Notice, EPA Form 2550-9